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IN RE APPLICATION OF: :  
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*Abstract  
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FOR: ASSISTING DEVICE FOR UNFOLDING  
A MOTOR VEHICLE INFLATABLE  
AIRBAG

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified  
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-6 without prejudice.

Please add new Claims 7-12 as follows:

7. (New) A device for assisting deployment of an airbag, located at a junction of at  
least two trim elements of parts of a body of a motor vehicle, wherein a first of the two trim  
elements is fixed and a second of the two trim elements is configured to be deformed under  
pressure exerted by the airbag during its deployment, the device including a guide surface  
oriented from an exit zone of the airbag toward an end part of the second trim element,